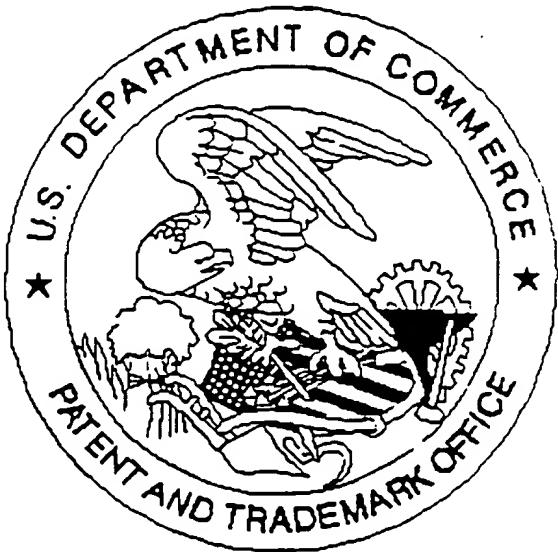


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APPLICANT: Peter GAISER et al.  
INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO.: PCT/EP96/02633  
SERIAL NO.: 08/981,233  
FILED: December 19, 1997  
FOR: PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR CONTINUOUSLY  
DRYING PROTEIN-CONTAINING SLUDGE

LETTER SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR  
ENTERING NATIONAL PHASE FOR A PCT APPLICATION

Box PCT  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 2, 1998

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.494 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.495, attached hereto are the following additional items necessary for entering the national phase in connection with the above-identified PCT international application.

X Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

X Original        Photocopy

       The specification attached to the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney is a true copy of the specification which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on \_\_\_\_\_, including any amendments thereto (if applicable) filed on even date therewith.

English language specification, claims and Abstract with one (1) sheet of drawing.

Attached hereto is a Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status ( original  photocopy).

Attached is a copy of Form PCT/DO/EO/905.

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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No extension fee is required because the undersigned has not yet received the Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905). However, if for some reason it is determined that an extension of time is necessary, applicant hereby respectfully petitions for an extension of time for the filing of the present paper in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136 and 37 CFR § 1.17.

Applicant(s) hereby respectfully petitions for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) extension of time for the filing of the present paper in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. The required fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto.

The Government Filing Surcharge in the amount of \$260.00 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.494 and 1.492 was previously paid for concurrently with the filing of the application on December 19, 1997.

X Submitted concurrently herewith **and** **r** **separate cover** for recording is an Assignment.

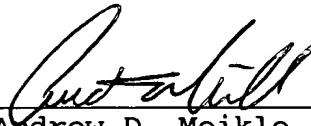
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       A Fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the increase in fees of the filing Surcharge is enclosed.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/EP96/02633 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>18 June 1996 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>19 June 1995 |
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## TITLE OF INVENTION

PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR CONTINUOUSLY DRYING PROTEIN-CONTAINING SLUDGE

## APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

GAISER, Peter; KOWALCZYK, Dieter; PLANTIKOW, Ulrich

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1.  This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2.  This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3.  This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4.  A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5.  A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a.  is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b.  has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c.  is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6.  A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7.  Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a.  are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b.  have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c.  have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d.  have not been made and will not be made.
8.  A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9.  An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10.  A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

## Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:

11.  An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12.  An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13.  A FIRST preliminary amendment.  
 A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
14.  A substitute specification.
15.  A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16.  Other items or information:

- 1.) International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210)
- 2.) One (1) Sheet of Formal Drawing

17.  The following fees are submitted:

BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5) ):

Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$930.00

International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) ..... \$720.00

No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) ..... \$790.00

Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... \$1,070.00

International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4) ..... \$98.00

ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =

\$ 930.00

Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than  20  30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).

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| CLAIMS   | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE       |                           |
|--|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Total claims   | 27 - 20 =    | 7            | X \$22.00  | \$ 154.00                 |
| Independent claims   | 1 - 3 =      |              | X \$82.00  | \$                        |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)  | Yes          |              | + \$270.00 | \$ 270.00                 |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =  |              |              |            | \$ 1484.00                |
| Reduction of 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity Statement must also be filed (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).  |              |              |            | \$                        |
| SUBTOTAL =   |              |              |            | \$ 1484.00                |
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| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =   |              |              |            | \$ 1614.00                |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property                                 |              |              |            | \$                        |
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a.  A check in the amount of \$ 1614.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.b.  Please charge my Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.c.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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